



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

13 VAC 5-95 – Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Regulations
Department of Housing and Community Development
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The Board of Housing and Community Development (Board) proposes to amend its Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Standards regulation to provide greater clarity to its regulants. Specifically, the Board proposes to insert relevant Code of Virginia references, change references to other Board regulations if those regulations now have a different chapter number and add language that clarifies already existing rules. In addition to making clerical changes to the Virginia Manufactured Home Safety Standards, the Board is taking this regulatory action so that the public can comment on whether further changes are needed to make this regulation consistent with concurrently promulgated Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) regulations.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, this regulation contains a reference to a regulation that have been repealed and re-promulgated under a different chapter number and does not specifically state the Code of Virginia sections that also contain rules that deal with manufactured homes. The Board proposes to update and/or add Code of Virginia and Virginia Administrative Code references so that this regulation accurately directs readers to other materials with relevant legally binding rules. Individuals and businesses that are subject to this regulation are unlikely to incur any costs on account of the regulatory changes and will likely benefit since the regulation will now better inform readers on other rules that are in effect.

In addition to correcting (or adding) Code of Virginia and Virginia Administrative Code references, the Board proposes to add or change regulatory language so that rules are clearer for the regulated public and other interested entities. For example, in several sections of this chapter, current language requires local code officials to verify that code is being followed. The Board proposes to insert “through inspection” after “verify” to add clarity to these sections. As officials have always “verified through inspection”, adding the proposed language will not require any additional actions on the part of officials. None of these instances where the Board proposes to add clarifying language will likely increase costs for individuals and businesses that are subject to this regulation.

The Board’s regulants, as well as other interested individuals, will likely also benefit from having the opportunity to comment on how this regulation may be affected by changes to the USBC.

Businesses and Entities Affected

Manufacturers and, to a lesser extent, sellers of manufactured homes will be affected by these regulatory changes. There are 41 manufacturers that are licensed by the Board and whose homes are sold in Virginia.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by these regulatory changes.

Projected Impact on Employment

These regulatory changes are unlikely to affect employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

These regulatory changes are unlikely to affect the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Businesses that are subject to this regulation are unlikely to incur any costs on account of these regulatory changes.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Businesses that are subject to this regulation are unlikely to incur any costs on account of these regulatory changes.

Real Estate Development Costs

Real estate development costs are unlikely to be affected by these regulatory changes.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.